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once 348 couples. A suggestion has been made in the House of Commons by an MP that the Government should reduce from 3 years to 6 months the period which a newly arrived family must wait before they are entitled to the "Baby Bonus" or family allowance in Canada.

While many civil servants here in certain departments do not particularly like the personnel questionnaire which they must now fill out it is emphasized that this is essential for security reasons and a proper safeguarding of state secrets.

There has been a wave of insurance news lately including Senate approval of Bill allowing insurance companies to engage in housing projects backed by government guarantees, approval by the House of Commons of a bill to amend the Veterans Insurance Act extending period for application for such insurance from 3 to 6 years after the war and extending coverage to permanent force members and merchant seamen who got the wartime bonus and a proposal by an MP to create an insurance fund for the benefit of patients who suffer through faulty diagnosis by the medical profession.

Though a federal labor code provision to make union dues checkoff mandatory on employers was voted down in the House of Commons, there are still whispers of discon-

tent heard on Parliament Hill against this decision by those favoring the labor viewpoint.

The reason pipe is scarce in Canada is that this country depends on the U.S. for skelp which is used in the manufacture of pipe and "it will be sometime before pipe is plentiful again" according to an expert here.



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Behind the developments now along Parliament Hill following in the wake of the report of the special Prices Committee of the House of Commons is the all-important statement that prices of many everyday needs are still rising that they are now at the highest level in history and that this is causing it to be increasingly difficult for many common people across Canada to provide themselves with even the necessities of life for a decent standard of living, though it is entirely wrong to connect specifically the current price conditions with the Committee operations.

It must be understood that the government here established this Prices Committee principally and basically as a fact-finding body and to propose courses of action to prevent abuses and to suggest remedies. It was not in itself empowered to check present inflationary tendencies or to proceed in direct legal actions against profiteers hoarders etc. However, after 77 public sittings, listening to 139 witnesses and filing 155 exhibits, it is evident that its activities did have such a salutary effect by its widespread publicity and power that backstage in this capital it is now understood its recommendations may be carried into official action by the Government including a commission to continue the inquiry into prices or costs to be financed by a \$50,000 appropriation for this purpose mentioned in the dying days of the session in the supplementary estimates of Finance Minister Abbott. It is also understood that other recommendations of the committee may be considered for action by the government.

Indeed, there is strong emphasis here in the statement "the committee is of the opinion that the very fact that it existed and that it had the power to subpoena witnesses to give an accounting of their business was a salutary effect on unjustifiable price increases. This, it is said here is borne out by the evidence of representative witnesses.

In addition, the chairman of the committee, Hon. Paul Martin, has stressed, too, the salutary effects of the committee's work, comprising evidence by the trades, Chairman of the wartime Prices and Trade Board Governor of the Bank of Canada, head of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Commissioner of Combines Investigation Act, and other top officials. Mr. Martin mentioned that Mrs. Marshall, head of the Canadian Association of Consumers, said that "she looked upon this committee as indeed so did the committee and organization, a members of her fact finding body independent of that purpose have a salutary effect". He stated "that one gentleman who has a series of stores in the city of Mont-

real announced to the Committee that, because of its request, and because of the disclosure of his profit and loss figures, he proposed to reduce the cost of bread. "He also pointed out that another witness declared with regard to textile goods "that if the committee were not sitting he would raise the prices of some of the articles manufactured by his company.

"An so one could go on to indicate that there were some salutary effects which emanated from the kind of information disclosed and the realization that corporations and others would be brought before the committee to give an account of the price situation as it applied to their particular business". Mr. Martin stated adding that basically and significantly the rise in the cost of living in Canada can be attributed to the upswing in external prices with our own economic interdependence with other countries, especially the United States to the higher costs of production, to the expansion of purchasing power compared with goods and services available, and several other factors.

Consequently, it is understood here along Parliament Hill that certain specific measures arising out of this all-important Prices Committee investigation, findings and proposals will be considered carefully and promptly by the Government in the light of prevailing conditions of still rising costs or prices in some directions. This means as interpreted "on the spot" in Ottawa, that these recommendations by the Prices Committee will be translated into actual steps by the Government either directly to bring a reduction in prices where this will be possible or to put into play forces of informed public opinion to produce such desirable results, particularly where the necessities of life are concerned.

NEW PLAN FOR MOVIES

Trade Minister Howe told the Canadian Parliament "that a comprehensive plan has been studied and partly agreed upon" when asked about the Canadian Government's deal with American movie industry to conserve U.S. exchange, hinting at the same time "Canada's getting good value for the exchange privileges being allowed the industry in this country."

INSISTS ON EXAMINATION

Canada now insists on the X-ray examination of all immigrants coming to this country it has been made known here and it is aimed thereby to keep out of the country those who might be a danger to public health preventing a recurrence of cases such as arose when Polish soldiers were brought here and found to be infected with tuberculosis a few months after their arrival in this country.

WEEKLY WIND-UP

Beef prices are coming down as sales resistance grows says a report here, and many housewives are reported as buying something else rather than pay high prices.

In his final report of the session Sen. W.M. Asetline, Chairman, Divorce Committee of the Senate, said once Committee recommended 295 divorces out of 331 petitions all from Quebec since other provinces have their own divorce courts. The record year for the Committee was 1947 when it recommended for div-

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